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SUBJECT: KIRILLIN VISIT TO LONDON; ORLOV TRIAL

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1. ACCORDING TO AN ACCOUNT RECEIVED BY THE US NATIONAL
ACADEMY OF SCIENCE, THE RECENT VISIT OF USSR DEPUTY
PREMIER AND CHAIRMAN OF USSR STATE COMMITTEE FOR SCIENCE
AND TECHNOLOGY VLADIMIR KIRILLIN TO LONDON ENDED WITH A
RANCOROUS PRE-DEPARTURE PRESS CONFERENCE IN WHICH

REPORTERS, TO THE EXCLUSION OF OTHER SUBJECTS, BADGERED HIM FOR 45 MINUTES ABOUT THE TRIAL AND CONVICTION OF SOVIET DISSIDENT SCIENTIST DR. YURIY ORLOV. KIRILLIN REPORTEDLY LOST HIS TEMPER AND LEFT LONDON LIVID WITH RAGE.

2. THIS REPORT CONTRASTS WITH THE DESCRIPTION OF KIRILLIN'S LONDON VISIT IN REFTEL AS AMICABLE AND UNAFFECTED BY THE ORLOV TRIAL. (BEGIN FYI: A BRITISH EMBASSY OFFICER IN WASHINGTON, HOWEVER, CONFIRMED THAT AN "INCIDENT" INVOLVING DISCUSSION OF THE ORLOV CASE DID IN FACT OCCUR AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE IN THE PRESENCE OF MR. DELL, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR TRADE. END FYI)

3. THE DEPARTMENT WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ANY FURTHER DETAILS AND COMMENT ON THIS ASPECT OF THE KIRILLIN VISIT. VANCE

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